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1. A computer system, comprising:
a computer network path, at least a portion of which is wireless;
at least one user terminal in the path;
at least one connect server communicating with the user terminal,
the connect server receiving requests for content generated from the user
terminal, the connect server accessing a database of publicly vended
content to fulfill the requests; and
at least one billing module accessible to the connect server for
generating accounting data based on the provision of the content in the
database to users.

2. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the
network path is a directional wireless path.

3. The computer system of Claim 2, wherein the directional wireless
path has no telephony switches therein.

4. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein the content is provided to
the user terminal over the network path in packets.

5. The computer system of Claim 4, wherein the packets are in IP protocol format.

6. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein the billing module generates accounting data based on each request received.

5 7. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein at least some requests are embodied in a content subscription, and the billing module generates accounting data based on the subscription.

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8. The computer system of Claim 8, wherein the subscription is established at least in part by a user profile.

10 9. The computer system of Claim 4, wherein the billing module generates accounting data based on a number of packets delivered to the user terminal.

10. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein the billing module generates accounting data based at least in part on at least one time period.

15 11. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein the billing module generates accounting data based at least in part on a type of the user terminal.

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12. A method for vending content, comprising the acts of:
rendering the content in a digitized format;
making the content available on a computer network;
establishing at least one network path between the network and a
user terminal, at least a portion of the path being a private wireless path;
sending the content to the user terminal via the network path; and
generating accounting data representative of the provision of content
to the user terminal.

13. The method of Claim 12, wherein the private wireless path is a
directional path.

14. The method of Claim 13, wherein the private wireless path is an
SDMA path.

15. The method of Claim 13, wherein the wireless path has no telephony
switches therein.

16. The method of Claim 13, wherein the content is provided to the user
terminal over the network in packets.

17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the packets are in IP protocol
format.

18. The method of Claim 13, wherein accounting data is based on a request for a content piece.

19. The method of Claim 18, wherein at least some requests are embodied in a content subscription, and the accounting data is generated based on the subscription.


20. The method of Claim 19, wherein the subscription is established at least in part by a user profile.

21. The method of Claim 13, wherein the accounting data is generated based on a number of packets delivered to the user terminal.

22. The method of Claim 13, wherein the accounting data is generated based at least in part on at least one time period.

23. The method of Claim 13, wherein the accounting data is generated based at least in part on a type of the user terminal.

24. A computer program device comprising:
a computer program storage device readable by a digital processing apparatus; and

 a program on the program storage device and including instructions executable by the digital processing apparatus, the program comprising:

computer readable code means for billing a user for the provision of digitized packetized audio or video content from the Internet via a wireless network path to a user terminal associated with the user.

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25. The computer program device of Claim 24, further comprising:

computer readable code means for receiving a request for a piece of content from the user, the means for billing generating accounting data based at least in part on the request.

26. The computer program device of Claim 24, wherein the means for billing generates accounting data based at least in part on a number of packets sent to the user via the path.

27. The computer program device of Claim 24, wherein the path is a private directional wireless path having no telephony switches therein.

28. The computer program device of Claim 24, wherein the means for billing generates accounting data based at least in part on a subscription for content.

29. The computer program device of Claim 28, wherein the subscription is based at least in part on a user profile.

30. The computer program device of Claim 24, wherein the network path has a data transmission rate of at least one Mbps.

31. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein the network path has a data transmission rate of at least one Mbps.

32. The method of Claim 12, wherein the network path has a data transmission rate of at least one Mbps.

33. The computer system of Claim 1, wherein the user terminal is established by a device type, the server detecting the device type and providing content according thereto.

34. The method of Claim 12, wherein the user terminal is established by a device type, the device type dictating the content provided thereto.

35. The computer program device of Claim 24, further comprising computer readable code means for determining a user terminal device type, the device type dictating the content provided to the user terminal.